

# **William T. Wilson collection**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b> | Rare Books and Manuscripts                                       |
| <b>Creator</b>    | Pratt, Daniel D. (Daniel Darwin), 1813-1877                      |
| <b>Creator</b>    | Wilson, Thomas H., 1818-1877                                     |
| <b>Creator</b>    | Wilson, William T., 1854-1943                                    |
| <b>Title</b>      | William T. Wilson collection                                     |
| <b>Date</b>       | 1815-1942, undated                                               |
| <b>Extent</b>     | 1.0 Cubic feet 3 manuscript boxes, 3 oversize folders, 9 volumes |
| <b>Language</b>   | English                                                          |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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William T. Wilson was born on January 4, 1854 in Logansport, Indiana to Thomas H. and Mary Wilson. He graduated from Princeton University in 1874 and was admitted to the Cass County Bar in 1875. He served as director and vice-president of the old First National Bank and was a city councilman and Republican candidate for state senator. He took care of Sen. Daniel D. Pratt's business affairs while Pratt served as Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (1885-1876) and also served as executor of the senator's estate. Mr. Wilson was recognized as an authority on Cass County history and was a member of the Indiana Historical Society and a charter member of the L'Angulelle Valley Memorial Association. He married Martha Louise McCarthy (1858-1926) in 1880 and they had 4 children. He practiced law in Logansport for 68 years and passed away at the age of 89 on January 27, 1943.

Source:

"Death Calls W.T. Wilson: Pioneer Citizen and Dean of Bar Dies at Age 89." *Logansport Pharos Tribune* (IN), January 27, 1943.

Seeds, Russell M. *History of the Republican Party of Indiana: Biographical Sketches of the Party Leaders, Volume 1*. Indianapolis : Indiana History Co., 1899.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes documents and correspondence of William T. Wilson, Thomas H. Wilson, and Daniel D. Pratt. William T. Wilson's papers include account books from his law firm (1876-1898), his correspondence and legal documents (1875-1927), and legal depositions relating to the property of the Barron family of Logansport (1926-1927). Thomas H. Wilson's papers include account books, business correspondence and financial documents of the firm of Pollard and Wilson (1840-1850's), letters from Samuel Rees of Connersville, Indiana and Des Moines, Iowa (1853-1855), and documents related to the Logansport National Bank (1865-1870's). Daniel D. Pratt's documents include law practice account books (1839-1867), his correspondence with William T. Wilson regarding his legal and personal business (1875-1876); papers relating to Pratt's legal and personal business (1836-1870's); and documents relating to the administration of Pratt's estate (1881-1902). The collection also includes William T. Wilson's correspondence and research documents regarding the history of the Presbyterian Church in Logansport and Cass County and biographical information regarding Rev. Martin M. Post (1830-1942).

The collection also contains legal documents regarding land and business dealings in Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana (1817-1830's) by John Conner, John McCormack, John Tipton, and Nicholas Reagan, and a number of indentures, land patents, and plats from Kentucky, Ohio, and Logansport, Indiana. Several of the documents are land transfers conducted by Nicholas Reagan acting as agent for

Fayette County for the purpose of acquiring land to establish Connersville as the county seat. Other items in the collection include accounting sheets for the Logansport Female College and the sermon given by Rev. Joseph Tuttle, President of Wabash College, at the funeral of Rev. Martin M. Post, D.D. on October 18, 1876.

This collection includes correspondence and legal documents from:

Daniel Pratt Baldwin, Henry Chase, John Conner, Allen Hamilton, John McCormack, Philip Pollard, Daniel D. Pratt, Nicholas Reagan, Cyrus Taber, Giles W. Thomas, John Tipton, Spear S. Tipton, Joseph Tuttle, Thomas H. Wilson, and William T. Wilson.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Documents and correspondence, 1815-1880

Series 2: William T. Wilson documents and correspondence, 1853-1927

Series 3: Logansport Presbytery, 1830-1942

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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## **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Mrs. Betty Worthington in 1943/10.

## **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed in 1999 by Philip N. Williams. Collection reprocessed 2016/08/25 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/08/25 by Laura Eliason.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Material**

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L128: Daniel D. Pratt collection

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- National Bank of Logansport (Logansport, Ind.).
- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Presbytery of Logansport.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Connersville (Ind.)

- Logansport (Ind.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Conner, John, 1775-1826
- Hamilton, Allen, 1798-1864
- Pollard, Philip, 1801-1856
- Post, M. M. (Martin Mercillian), 1806-1876
- Reagan, Nicholas, 1781-1836
- Thomas, Giles W., 1794-1870
- Tipton, John, 1786-1839

### **Subject(s)**

- Indiana--Politics and government--19th century
- Indiana--Presbyterian churches
- Legal documents

## Series 1: Documents and correspondence, 1815-1880

## Collection Inventory

| Series 1: Documents and correspondence, 1815-1880                     |     |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
|                                                                       | Box | Folder          |
| Legal documents, 1817-1828                                            | 1   | 1               |
| Legal documents, 1830-1839                                            | 1   | 2               |
| Legal documents, 1840-1843                                            | 1   | 3               |
| Legal documents, 1844-1849                                            | 1   | 4               |
| Legal documents and correspondence, 1850-1859                         | 1   | 5               |
| Legal documents and correspondence, 1860-1869                         | 1   | 6               |
| Legal documents and correspondence, 1870-1874                         | 1   | 7               |
| Young Men's Christian and Library Association account book, 1868-1880 | 1   | 8               |
|                                                                       |     | <b>Oversize</b> |
| Land documents, account documents, and sermon, 1815-1876              |     | OB018           |
| Logansport plats and account documents, 1861-1880                     |     | OBC012          |



## Series 2: William T. Wilson documents and correspondence, 1853-1927

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Connersville plat and Executor's report, Pollard estate, 1820-1859                      | OBD015        |
|                                                                                         | <b>Volume</b> |
| Daniel D. Pratt account book, 1839-1867                                                 | V222-01       |
| Daniel D. Pratt daybook, 1843-1857                                                      | V222-02       |
| Daniel D. Pratt account book, 1856-1860                                                 | V222-03       |
| Pollard and Wilson cash book, 1856-1860 and William T. Wilson cash book, 1876-1879      | V222-04       |
| Pollard and Wilson last journal, 1856-1857 and Thomas H. Wilson account book, 1868-1872 | V222-05       |
| Thomas H. Wilson account book, 1861-1864                                                | V222-06       |
| <b>Series 2: William T. Wilson documents and correspondence, 1853-1927</b>              |               |

|                                           | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Legal correspondence, 1875 Jan.-1875 July | 2          | 1             |
| Legal correspondence, 1875 Aug.-1875 Oct. | 2          | 2             |
| Legal correspondence, 1875 Nov.-1875 Dec. | 2          | 3             |
| Legal correspondence, 1876 Jan.-1876 Mar. | 2          | 4             |

**Series 3: Logansport Presbytery documents, 1830-1942**

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| Legal correspondence, 1876 Apr.-1876 May                          | 2 | 5  |
| Legal correspondence, 1876 June-1876 July                         | 2 | 6  |
| Letter books, 1875 May-1875 July                                  | 2 | 7  |
| Letter books, 1875 Sept.-1876 Mar.                                | 2 | 8  |
| Library notebook and political campaign notebook, circa 1875-1876 | 2 | 9  |
| Legal correspondence and documents, 1877-1884                     | 2 | 10 |
| Legal correspondence and documents, 1885-1902                     | 2 | 11 |
| Legal correspondence and documents, 1926-1927                     | 2 | 12 |
| Miscellaneous documents, undated                                  | 2 | 13 |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Logansport Presbytery documents, 1830-1873                                 | 3          | 1             |
| Logansport Presbytery documents, 1881-1898                                 | 3          | 2             |
| Logansport Presbyterian Church history correspondence, 1900-1928           | 3          | 3             |
| William T. Wilson correspondence and documents, 1929-1942                  | 3          | 4             |
| Broadway Presbyterian Church reports, undated                              | 3          | 5             |
| Presbyterian Church of Logansport, Indiana session records book, 1865-1872 | 3          | 6             |